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Michigan Department of Natural Resources
Water Quality Division
P.O. Box 30028
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Attention: Thomas Newell

Dear Mr. Newell:

This letter is to confirm our conversation of Tuesday,
July 29, 1980.

On this date, a minor spill occurred. The material involved was triethylene tetra-amine. This material is not on the Michigan Critical Materials list or the EPA's list of reportable materials and quantities. The spill occurred at 8:50 a.m. while the material was being transferred from an underground storage tank into a kettle. A valve in an air release chamber failed to close, allowing material to flow out the vent onto the roof of the building which houses the Buffalo scrubber. It flowed down the side of the building into a trench which holds the pipes from the tank farm. No material escaped into surface drains or contacted bare ground. The material was pumped from the trench into a drum. About 50 gallons of material was recovered. All surfaces were washed with water. This was also pumped into two drums. These drums will be disposed of as hazardous waste. Clean up was completed by 11:00 a.m.

The major hazard from triethylene tetra-amine is that it is a D.O.T. corrosive.

Again we would like to re-iterate that we feel that we are not legally bound to report this incident, but have done so to maintain a cooperative posture with the Department of Natural Resources.

Very truly yours

REN PLASTICS INC.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Munsell". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

Michael L. Munsell

Industrial Health/Safety Coordinator

MLM/no

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